***General Education Committee Meeting***

***Minutes 2-12-2024***

***Members in Attendance***: Samantha Corcoran, Gina Crabtree, Natalie Delacruz, Kimberly Engber (Honors representative), Sally Fiscus, Linnea Glenmaye, Julie Henderson, Brittany Lockard (Chair), Josh Mallard (Student Rep), Matt Muether**,** Angie Paul, Carolyn Shaw, Sandy Sipes, and Jan Wolcutt. ***Absent:*** None

***WELCOME*:** Brittany Lockard started the meeting at 12:30.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 1-22-24 MEETING*:** The committee did not formally approve the minutes.

**UPDATES RE: UNIVERSITY GEN ED IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

* The university implementation committee is finalizing the master course list. Preview week for the catalog is this week.
* The regents are hosting all courses on their website.
* Sub-committee members have met or plan to meet with representatives of other colleges within WSU to see how they are handling the Regents’ GEP.
* Degree audit is not set up to let the Registrar’s office to see which courses are being used for Gen Ed. They can see which courses were taken, but not if they were used to satisfy Gen Ed requirements. College advisers may be better suited to give this information.
* There are over 500 Gen Ed courses.
* The diversity requirement for Gen Ed requires that a course used to satisfy the diversity requirement must have the Gen Ed attribute. Some areas that have diversity requirements with courses that do not have Gen Ed attributes may not be aware b that they will not satisfy the Gen ed diversity requirement.
* The question may arise whether the Gen Ed committee is encouraging “hands on” or “applied” courses like ceramics, etc. The Regents leave it up to individual universities whether “applied arts” classes can have the Gen Ed attribute. Historically, WSU has not approved applied classes for Gen Ed. However, transfer students may count these courses at the originating school, which then may force WSU to accept them as Gen Ed.
* Linnea shared in Academic Forum the fact that the Regents are reluctant to approve exceptions. The view is that the GEP is a stand-alone requirement. Elementary Education units in all the universities met and designed a uniform Gen Ed program. The following areas are expected to follow suit to meet and design a 60-hour credit transfer plan: Bus Admin, Computer Science, Social Work, and Nursing.

***COURSE PROPOSAL REVIEW***

* None

***AS MAY ARISE***

* The yearly Gen Ed Committee Assessment Report will be due soon.

***NEXT MEETING***

* The next meeting will be on February 26.

***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting ended at 1:10 pm.